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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 256127 ACTION LONDON ROME COPENHAGEN
BRUSSELS THE HAGE DUBLIN LUXEMBOURG PARIS BONN OTTAWA
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SUBJECT: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES

REFS: (A) GENEVA 7031; (B) EC BRUSSELS 9036; (C) STATE
253299; (D) STATE 241095; (E) USUN 5194

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM UK, EC AND OTHER SOURCES THAT
MEMBERS OF EC, JAPAN, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA (APART PERHAPS
FROM FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA) REMAIN UNDECIDED ABOUT HOW THEY
WILL VOTE ON CERDS SHOULD IT COME TO A VOTE AT THIS SESSION
OF UNGA. LATEST INFORMATION INDICATES THAT GROUP OF 77,
AT MEXICO'S INSISTENCE, WILL PUT LATEST G-77 DRAFT OF CERDS
TO UNGA NEXT WEEK ON A TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT BASIS, AND THAT
IT WILL COME TO A VOTE SOON; AND WE GATHER THAT EC MAY
HOLD FURTHER SESSION IMMINENTLY TO DECIDE ON VOTING ON
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CERDS.

2. AS DEMONSTRATED IN REFTELS (A), (C) AND (E), ADDRESSEE GOVTS LARGELY FIND G-77 DRAFT TO BE OBJECTIONABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT GROUNDS. NEVERTHELESS, THERE SEEMS WIDESPREAD DISPOSITION TO VOTE AGAINST OBJECTIONABLE ARTICLES AND ABSTAIN ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE. ONE UNHAPPY RESULT COULD BE TO LEAVE USG ISOLATED IN A NEGATIVE VOTE, WHICH COULD BE A POSITION USG WOULD NOT FIND TENABLE.

3. IN USG VIEW, LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ADDRESSEE GOVTS CAN BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED ONLY BY A NEGATIVE VOTE ON G-77 DRAFT OF CHARTER AS A WHOLE. FOR REASONS DETAILED IN REFTEL (D), NEGATIVE VOTES ON OFFENDING PARAS., COUPLED WITH ABSTENTION (AND STILL LESS, A POSITIVE VOTE) ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE WILL MATERIALLY PREJUDICE THOSE INTERESTS.

4. FOR EC ADDRESSEES EXCEPT PARIS AND BONN: REQUEST YOU IMMEDIATELY REQUEST FONOFF, AT HIGHEST AVAILABLE LEVEL, TO GIVE MOST EARNEST CONSIDERATION TO CONVICTION OF USG THAT NEGATIVE VOTE ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE IS REQUIRED TO PROTECT OUR JOINT INTERESTS. IN SO DOING, DRAW FULLY ON ARGUMENTATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL (D).

5. FOR LONDON: IN VIEW OF STRONG AND CONTINUED RECOMMENDATION OF FONOFF TO MINISTERS FOR A NEGATIVE VOTE, AND PREFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR ABSTENTION, RECOMMEND YOU APPROACH ENNALS OR ANOTHER MINISTER CONCERNED. MAKE CLEAR OTHER EC GOVTS ALSO BEING APPROACHED.

6. FOR PARIS: IN VIEW OF EMBASSY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH CHOLLET AND DE LACHARRIERE, WE SEE NO UTILITY IN A RENEWED APPROACH AT THAT LEVEL. IN EMBASSY'S DISCRETION, MATTER SHOULD BE PURSUED AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

7. FOR BONN: EMBASSY WILL WISH TO BEAR IN MIND THAT BRADFIELD MADE SOME OF FOREGOING POINTS TO DITTMAN WHEN HE RECENTLY VISITED BONN. YOU SHOULD IF POSSIBLE URGE FRG TO ENDEAVOR TO PERSUADE FRENCH GOVT TO VOTE
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